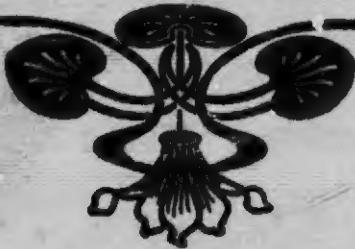


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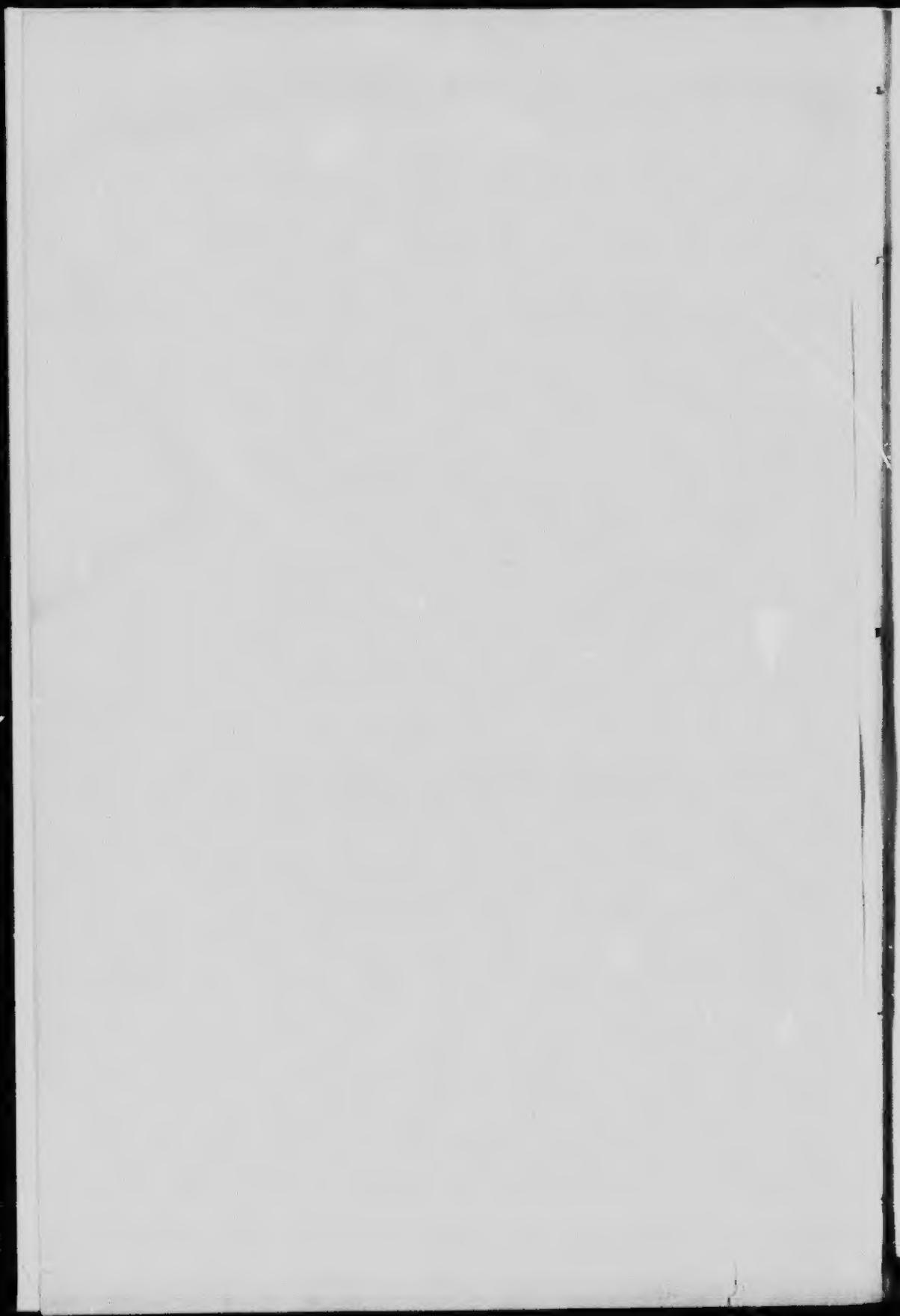
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Souvenir Program and Historical Sketch



Murray Street Baptist Church
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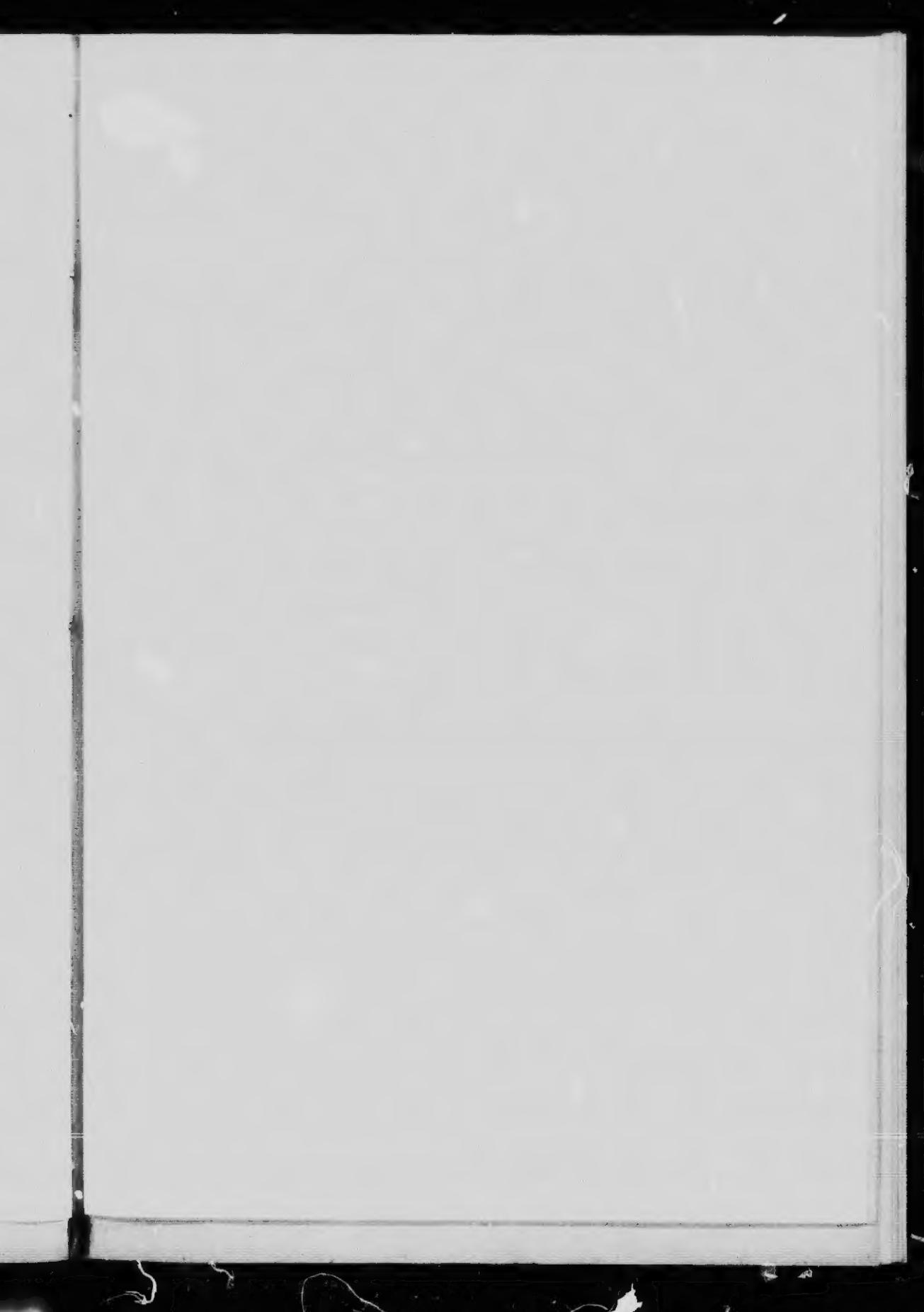
MURRAY STREET BAPTIST CHURCH
PETERBOROUGH, ONT.

"I have heard thy prayer and thy supplication that thou hast made before Me: I have hallowed this house which thou hast built, to put My name there forever; and Mine eyes and Mine heart shall be there perpetually."

—1 Kings, ix:3.

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REV. J. R. WEBB
MINISTER

Historical Sketch



THE purpose of the present brief sketch is not to trace the history of what is now called the Murray Street Baptist Church of Peterborough. What is attempted is the task of outlining briefly the events which led to the founding of the Church in 1846, and of recalling, even faintly, the atmosphere into which was born that organization which is to-day putting on a new dress.

When the Rev. John Gilmour, in the autumn of 1837, came to Peterborough, after a pastorate in Montreal, he came to take, on behalf of the New England Company, the supervision of the Indians at Chemong and Rice Lakes. About forty years before that, Baptist work had been begun in Haldimand Township, not far from Grafton and Colborne, but in and around Peterborough there were no Baptists. Mr. Gilmour, whose duties for the New England Company gave him much liberty on Sundays, preached to the Indians and also, as occasion offered, to the substantial white settlers around Chemong Lake and elsewhere. The preaching was not at first attended with any outward marks of success, but the preacher was in due time cheered by the response of Mr. James Mann, whose character and solid worth counted for much. Others also made application for baptism, so that in 1838 four were baptized on profession of faith, and the little band immediately undertook to erect a place of worship in the Township of Smith, and the preaching of the Gospel has been maintained there ever since. The following extract from a letter written in 1841 by Mrs. Gilmour to a friend in Scotland is worth preserving because it brings in its own way a forest-scented breath from those days which now seem so far off:

"You will likely have heard from Mr. Watt of our little church and chapel in the wilds of Canada. Yesterday (Sabbath) three more were baptized in the Chemong Lake. Mr. Gilmour previously preached in an adjoining school house, standing on the threshold that his audience without as well as within might hear. When he closed all adjourned to the place of baptizing. The scene was picturesque and impressive, the afternoon beautiful. Here and there was an opening formed by the hand of industry in the dark, deep forest, and about five miles further, on the other side, as if peeping over the lake, the Indian Village. As the number on the beach was too great for all to witness, many went into canoes, and lay outside the spot, yet all was still and serious, the water calm and transparent, and the hymn of praise and prayer of faith arose from the spot where not long since, no holier sound was heard than the orgies of

superstition or the fearful war-whoop. On the countenances of the baptized there was a touching solemnity, and altogether the emotions produced were such as led one to say, 'It is good to be here.'"

By the year 1846 there were in Peterborough enough Baptists to warrant the formation of a Baptist Church, and the little band opened a house of worship on the 17th of May in that year. Peterborough was then just twenty years old; it contained two thousand people, and is described in "Smith's Canadian Gazetteer" of that date as "at present very flourishing." The same authority says that "the Jail and Court House is a handsome stone building, situated on rising ground in the rear of the town. Churches and chapels, seven, viz., Episcopal, (stone), Presbyterian, (stone), Catholic, (stone), Baptist, (brick), British Wesleyan, Canadian Wesleyan, and Christian. There is in Peterborough a fire company with one engine. Two newspapers are published here weekly—the Peterborough *Gazette* and Peterborough *Chronicle*. Post office, and post every day. Principal taverns, the Albert House and the Union Hotel. One bank agency—'Montreal.'"

These few touches will serve to show something of the nature of the community which the Baptist Church of Peterborough at its organization sought to serve, and will also indicate how far what has now become a city has advanced since those days, and why it is needful to open a new building for the new needs. The Church was founded in simplicity of faith and in fervency of prayer and, as an early record expresses it, the little band that thus united in Christian fellowship gave themselves first to God and then to one another by the will of God. These same records also make it clear that the church fellowship thus provided for met a deep need in the hearts of the members. It was, then, in this spirit, that there came to be founded this church which has ever since sought in its own way to provide for the spiritual edification of its members and to serve to the best of its ability the public interests of the community in which it has carried on its work ever since 1846.

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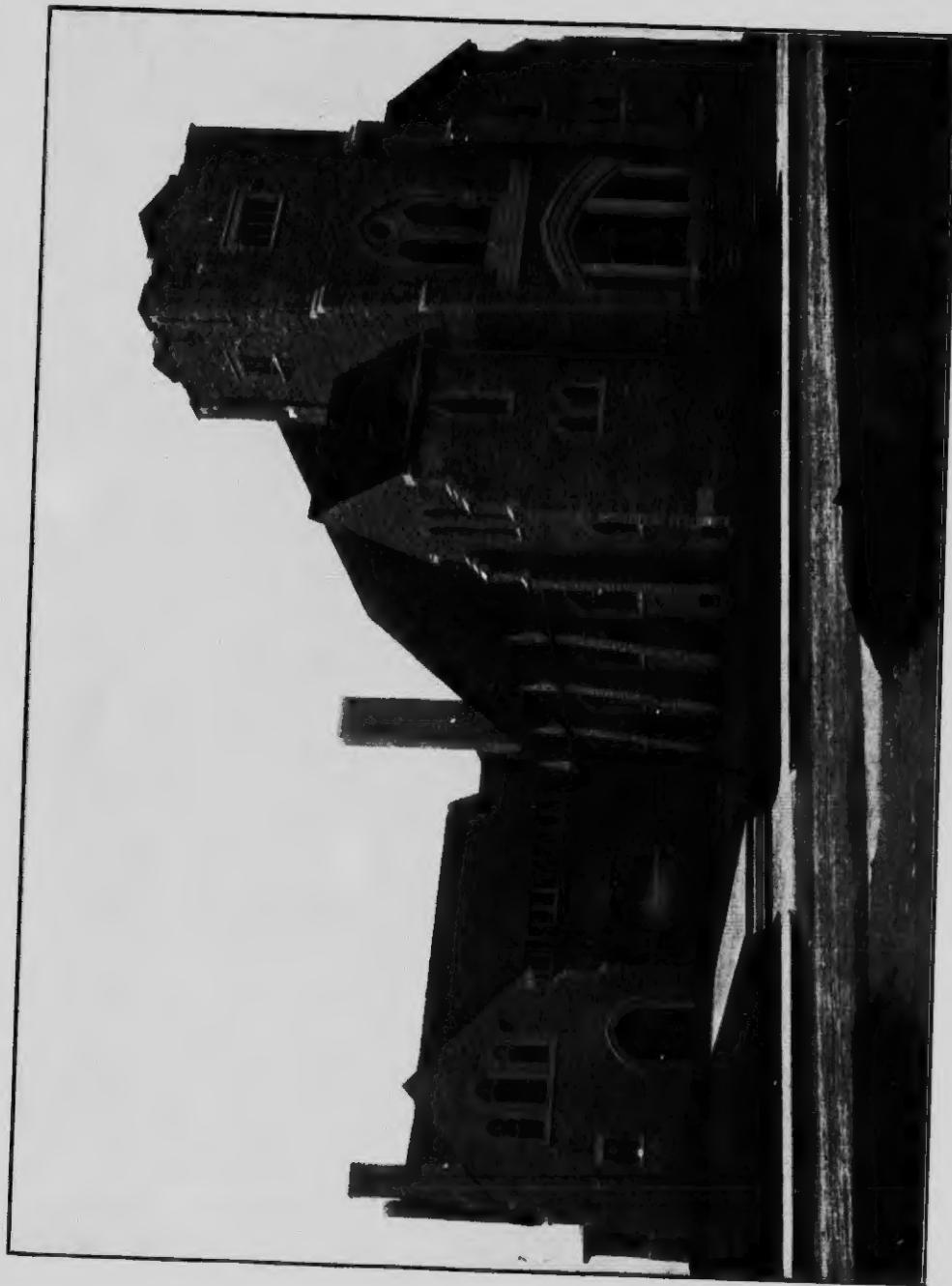
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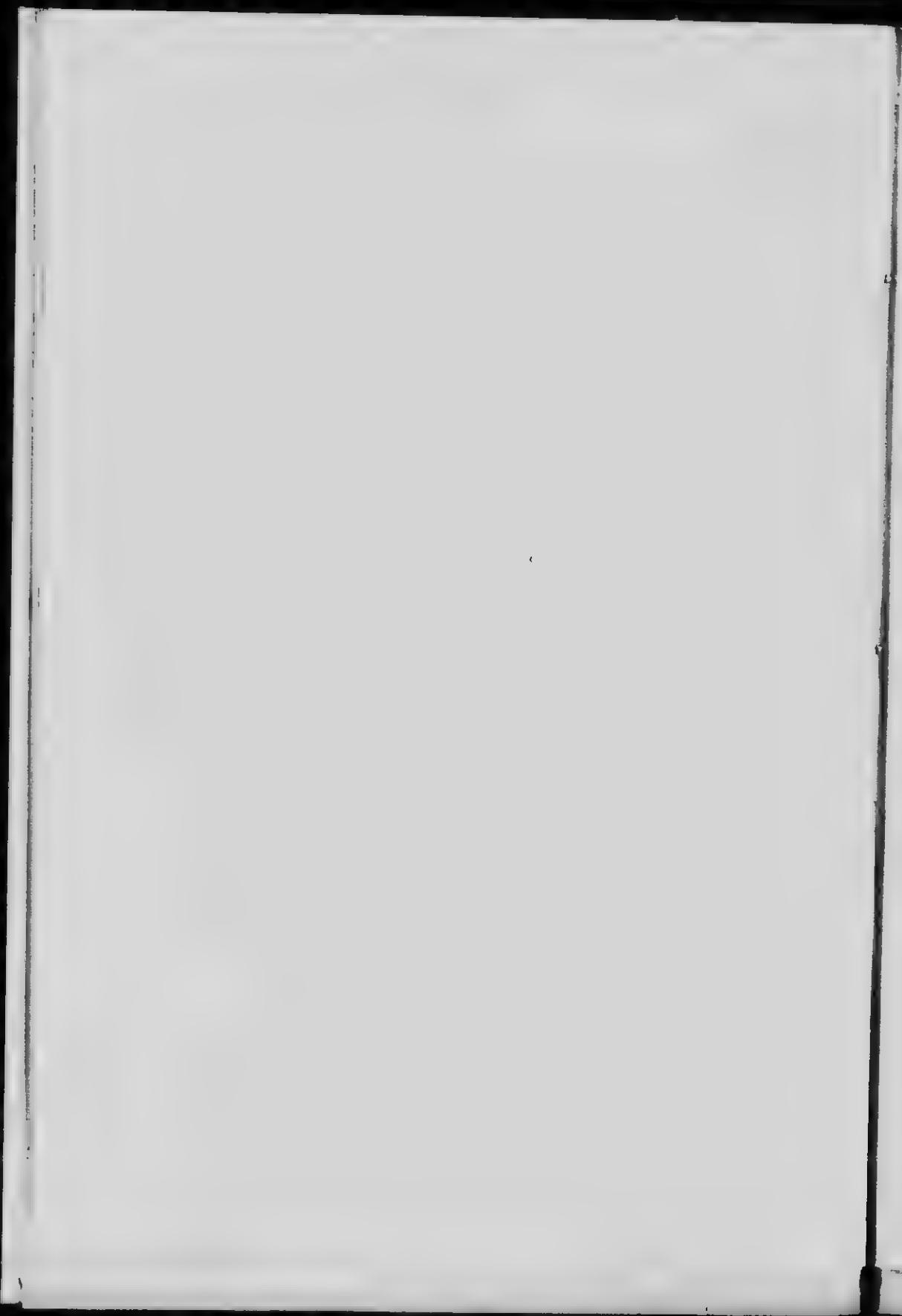
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OUR NEW CHURCH HOME



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Greetings from Former Pastors

I am glad, and thankful too, that the Baptist cause stands where it does to-day, after years of struggle, self-sacrifice, and evolution. May the opening of the new Church edifice be crowned with the Divine blessing, and mark a new era of spiritual growth and fruitfulness. For more than a generation I have followed the Church's history with keen interest. I did what I could in my time. God bless you all.

EDWARD J. STOBO,
QUEBEC CITY

Memories of personal friendships and precious service of nearly twenty-five years ago, gladden me, as I wish you joy on entrance in your new and larger Church. The Church stands for the Fact of God: that He lives, loves, saves. May it mean to you a deeper sense of reverence toward God, and a higher sense of obligation toward man.

P. CLIFTON PARKER,
VANCOUVER, B. C.

WOONSOON, L. I., N. Y., April 23, 1912.
To the Murray Street Baptist Church,—

I congratulate you and rejoice greatly over the completion of your beautiful, solid, convenient, well located, modern sanctuary. It is an honor to God and will be an instrument of large and varied blessing to men. But we rejoice most of all to see that your spiritual temple grows rapidly, continuously and solidly.

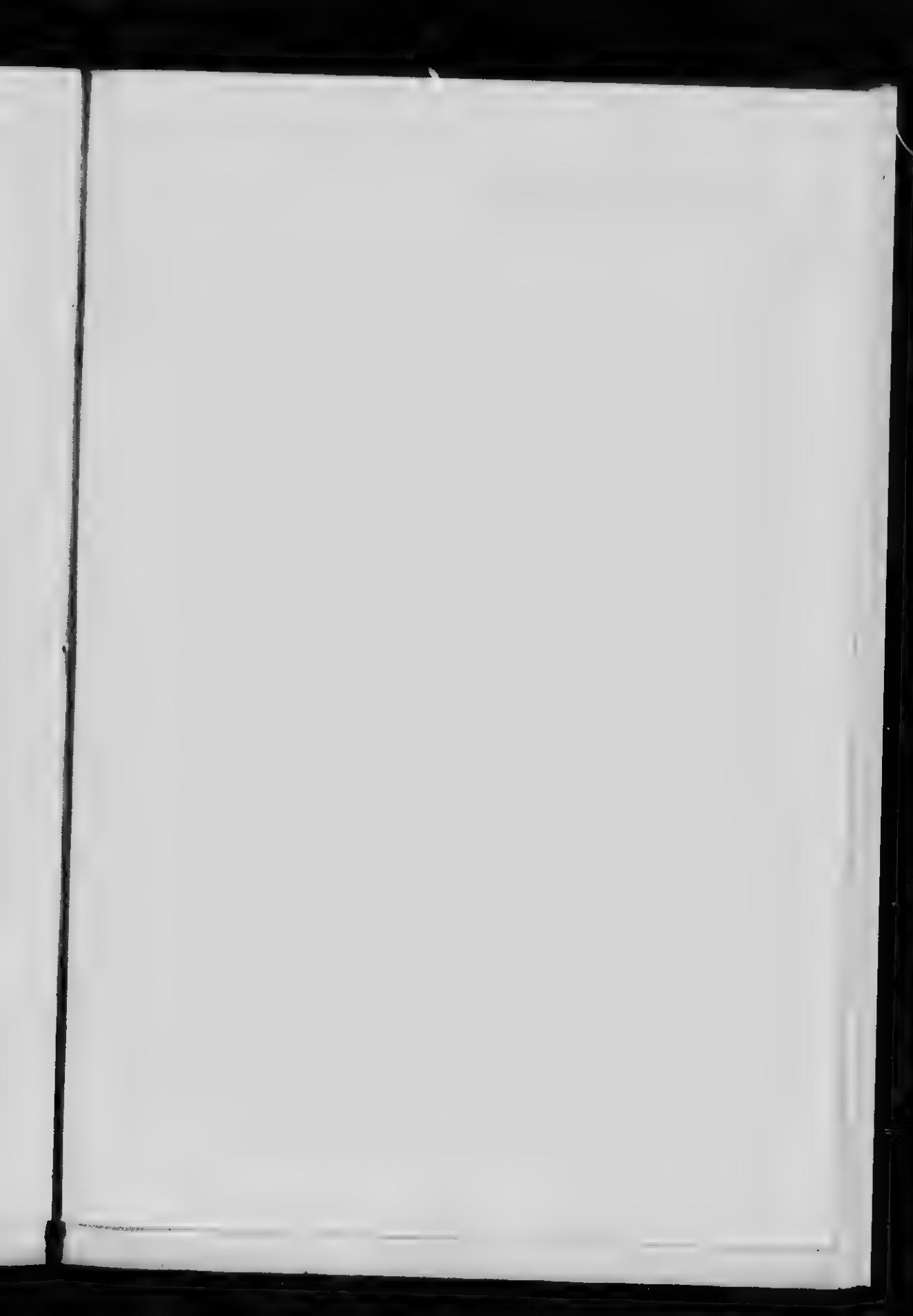
Your loving former Pastor,

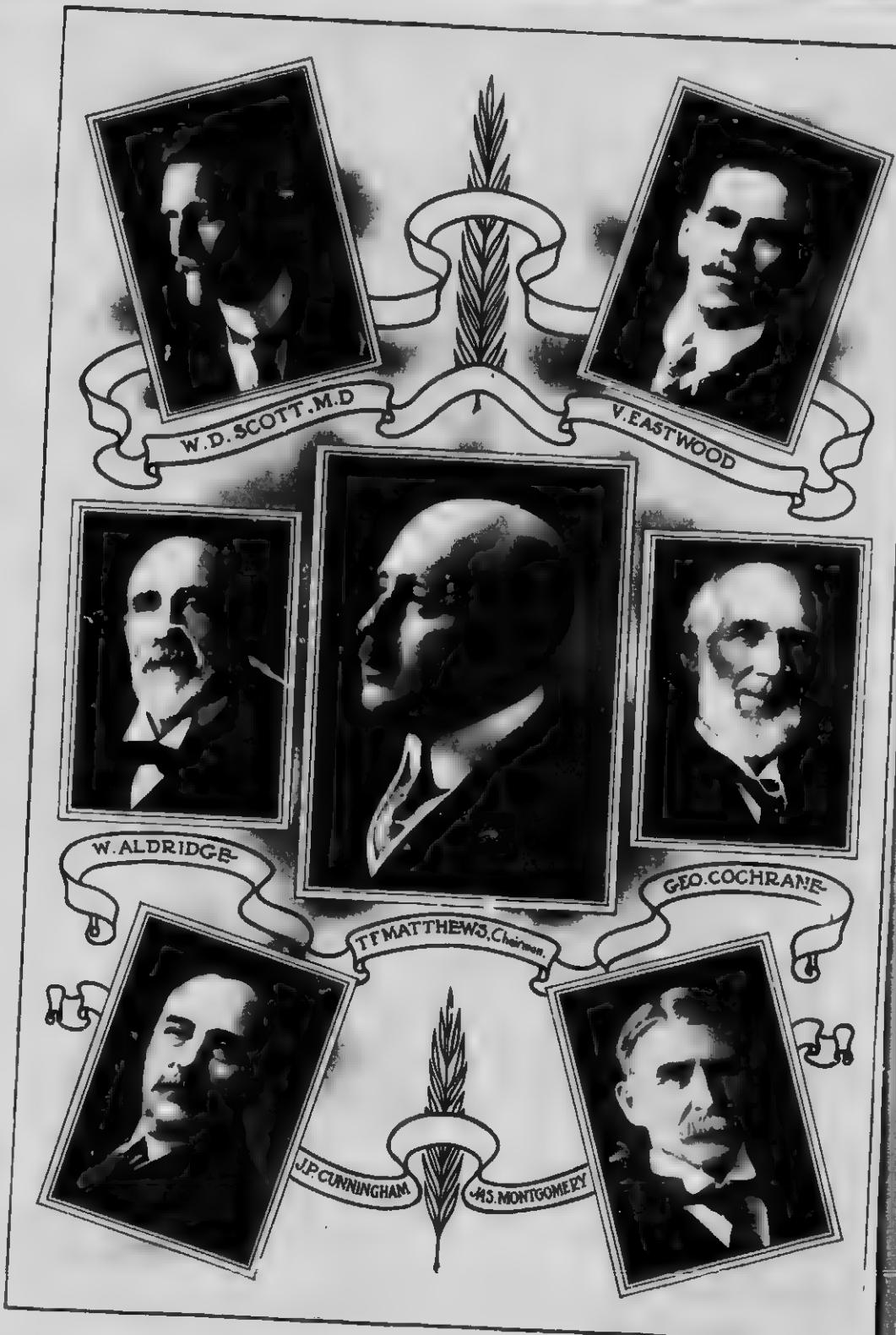
JONATHAN BASTOW.

Please convey my heartiest greetings to the brethren and sisters of the Murray Street Baptist Church. I sincerely hope and pray that the dear Lord will, by His Spirit, fill the new house on May 26th as He did Solomon's Temple on the day of its dedication.

Yours Sincerely,

A. T. DYKEMAN,
HALIFAX, N. S.





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P.S. WHITE



I am pleased to learn of this and every evidence of Murray Street's increasing prosperity, and hope that the new Church will be a symbol and prophecy of still greater good.

Yours truly,

F. J. SCOTT,
SALEM, MASS.

GREETINGS

Have also been received from the following ex-Members and Friends:

MR. AND MRS. L. CROLY, New York City, N.Y.
MR. AND MRS. R. J. COLVILLE, St. Thomas, Ontario.
MR. A. M. CHALMERS, Sheldrake, Mich.
MISS EDITH McCONNELL, Kingston.
MRS. ADA E. PEEL, London, Ontario.
MISS M. ABBOTT, Fenelon Falls, Ontario.
MR. A. A. AYER, Montreal.
REV. G. T. WEBB, Philadelphia.
REV. T. B. BROWN, Edmonton.
MR. F. B. EDWARDS, Edmonton.
MR. GEO. S. MATTHEWS, Brantford.
MR. D. BENTLEY, Montreal.
MR. T. L. WALDON, Winnipeg.

FROM ACROSS THE SEA

25 SUNDERLAND TERRACE, LONDON, ENGLAND.

29 April, 1912.

My Dear Mr. Webb,—

I have been delighted to hear that your magnificent Church has been completed and that you will enter it shortly. I have watched the *Canadian Bells* dist week by week for news of your work, and have been specially glad to see that while the material edifice has been going up, the spiritual structure, the believing Church, has been advancing in strength. I saw that thirteen had been baptized on one Sunday. The Lord is adding to your forces those who are being saved. In the new building that experience will be renewed again and again. God will bless your labors and the Church will be the mediator of immense good to your "growing city."

I have most grateful memories of my visit last year with your good people and I wish to send my greetings to them all, and accept the kindest regards and best wishes yourself, of

Yours always sincerely,

JOHN CLIFFORD.

Sunday, May 26th, 1912

MORNING SERVICE

DOXOLOGY	
INVOCATION	
HYMN—"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"	
RESPONSIVE READING—Psalm 84	
ANTHEM—"Te Deum Laudamus"	Tours
PRAYER	
DUET—"Peace to this Dwelling"	Smith
	MISS KIDD, MR. POLLARD
SCRIPTURE LESSON	
HYMN 507	
SERMON	
	REV. J. L. GILMOUR, B.D., TORONTO
OFFERING	
SOLO—"Awake My Soul"	Wiegand
	MRS. G. B. MILLER
HYMN 475	
BENEDICTION	

This afternoon at 3 o'clock a platform meeting will be held in the School Room.

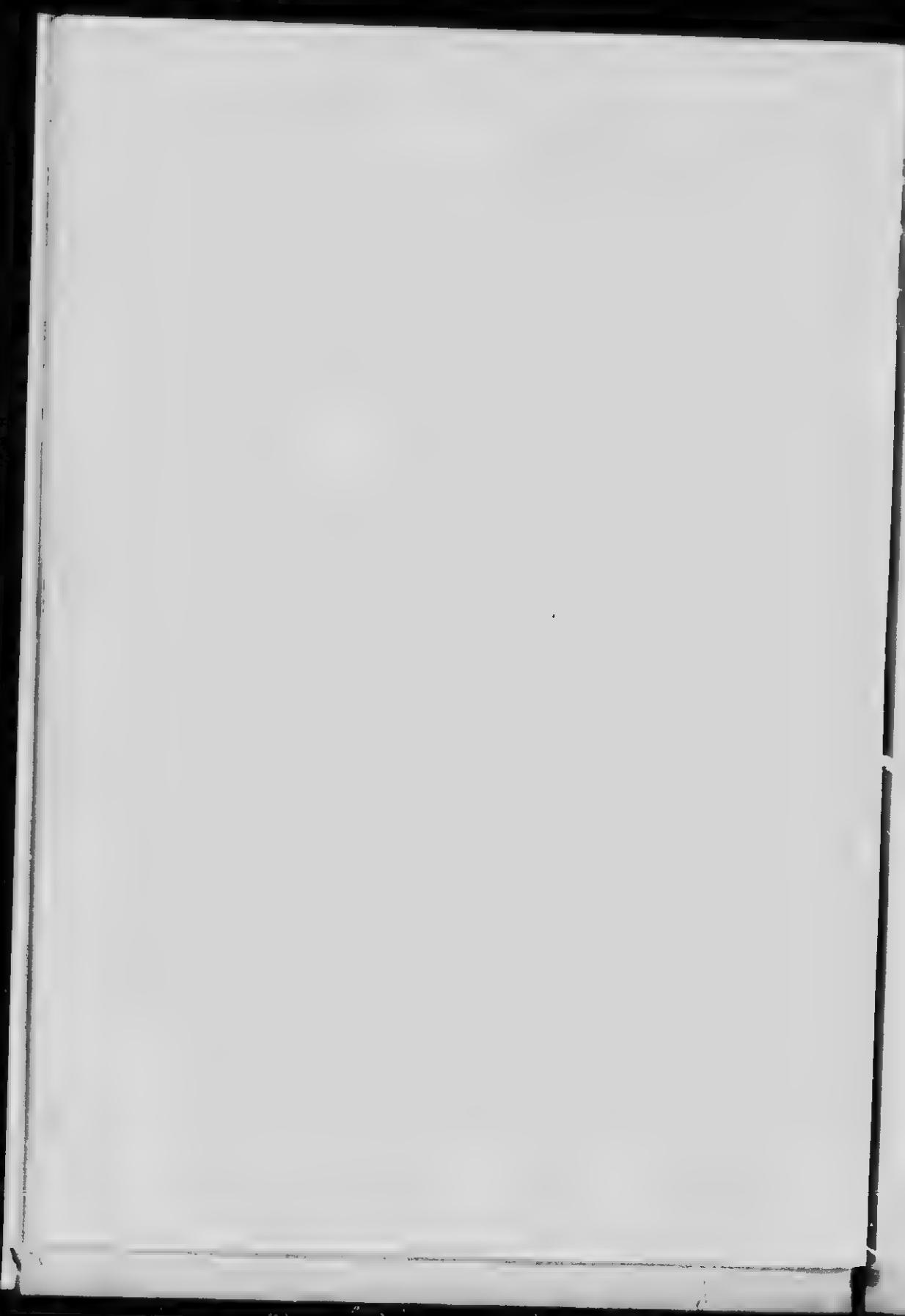
All are Cordially Invited to be present.

EVENING SERVICE

HYMN, 478	
SCRIPTURE LESSON	
ANTHEM—"I Will Worship Towards Thy Holy Temple"	Sullivan
PRAYER	
OFFERING	
DUET—"Love Divine, all Love Excelling"	Smart
	MISS KIDD, MR. HUYCKE
HYMN, 588	
SERMON	
	REV. J. L. GILMOUR, B.D., TORONTO
PRAYER	
SOLO—"Forevermore"	
	MISS KIDD
HYMN, 195	
BENEDICTION	



REV. JOHN CLIFFORD, D. D.
LONDON ENGLAND
WHO LAID THE CORNER STONE JUNE 29TH 1911



Sunday, June 2nd, 1912

MORNING SERVICE

DOXOLOGY	
INVOCATION	
HYMN	
RESPONSIVE PSALM	
ANTHEM—"O, Sing unto the Lord a New Song"	Blackburn
SCRIPTURE	
PRAYER	
DUET—"My Faith Looks up to Thee"	Bachman
OFFERING	MRS. MILLER, MISS KIDD
HYMN	
SERMON	
SOLO	REV. O. C. S. WALLACE, D.D., BALTIMORE, MD.
HYMN	MR. HUYCKE
BENEDICTION	

EVENING SERVICE

HYMN	
SCRIPTURE	
HYMN—"Laudate Dominum"	Dicks
PRAYER	
INTIMATIONS	
SOLO—"The Outcast"	Jude
OFFERING	MR. POLLARD
HYMN	
SERMON	
PRAYER	REV. O. C. S. WALLACE, D.D., BALTIMORE, MD.
QUARTETTE—"Now the Day is Over"	Lensing
HYMN	
BENEDICTION	

On Tuesday evening, June 4th, the Officers of the Church with their wives will give a Reception to the entire Church and Congregation when an opportunity will be given to see every Department of the new Church building.

Sunday, June 9th, 1912

MORNING SERVICE

DOXOLOGY	
INVOCATION	
HYMN	
RESPONSIVE PSALM	
ANTHEM—"Praise the Lord"	Raudagger
PRAYER	
SCRIPTURE	
QUARTETTE—"Oh, Jesus, Thou Art Standing"	Bohaman
INTIMATIONS	
HYMN	
SERMON	
	REV. THOS. TROTTER, D.D., TORONTO
PRAYER	
OFFERING	
SOLO—"Giver of Life"	Fortescue
	MR. POLLARD
HYMN	
BENEDICTION	

EVENING SERVICE

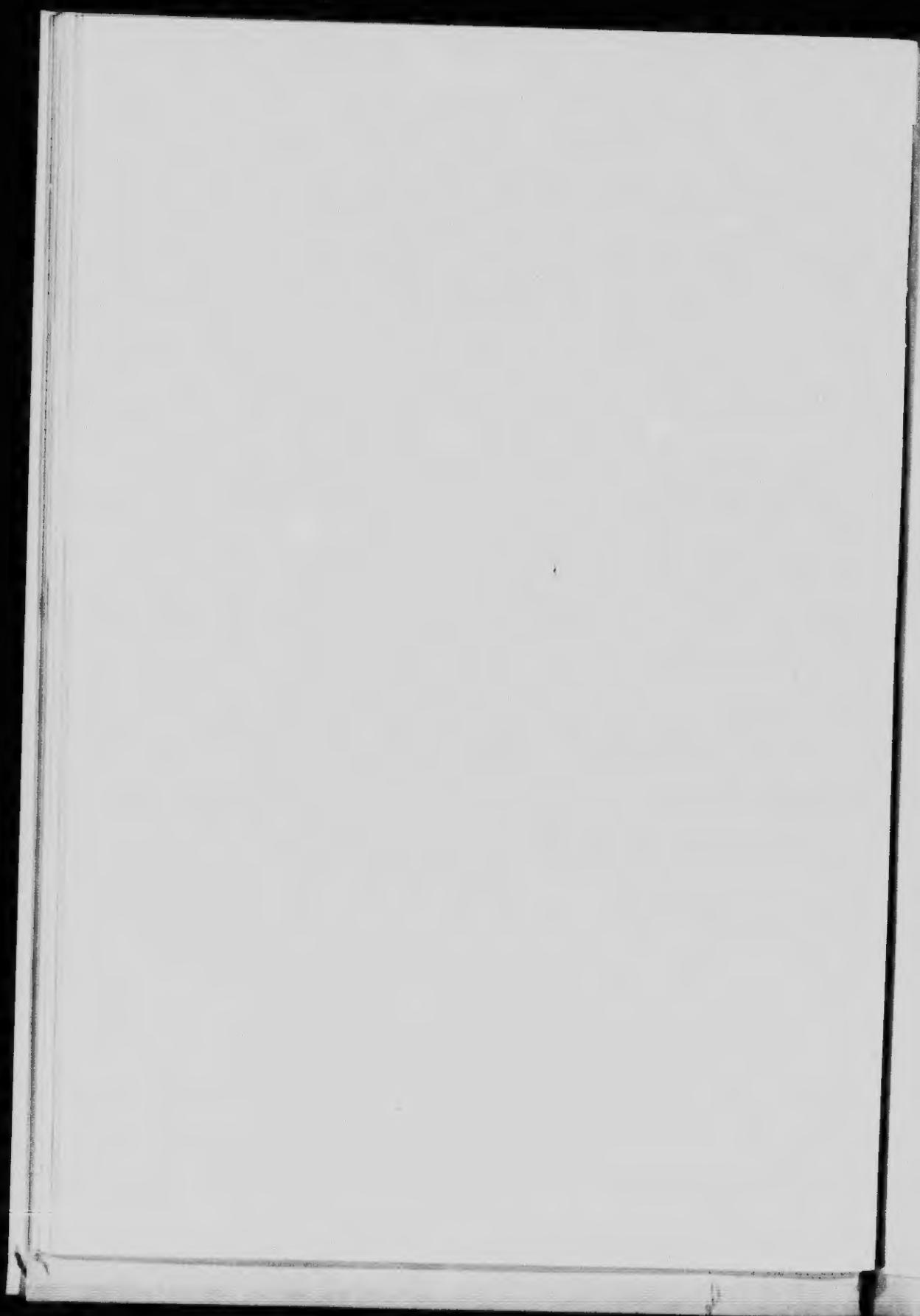
HYMN	
SCRIPTURE LESSON	
ANTHEM—"Sing Alleluia Forth"	Buck
PRAYER	
OFFERING	
SOLO	
	CLARA KIDD
INTIMATIONS	
HYMN,	
SERMON	
	REV. THOS. TROTTER, D.D., TORONTO
DUET—"Come unto Me"	
	MR. HUYCKE, MR. POLLARD
HYMN	
BENEDICTION	



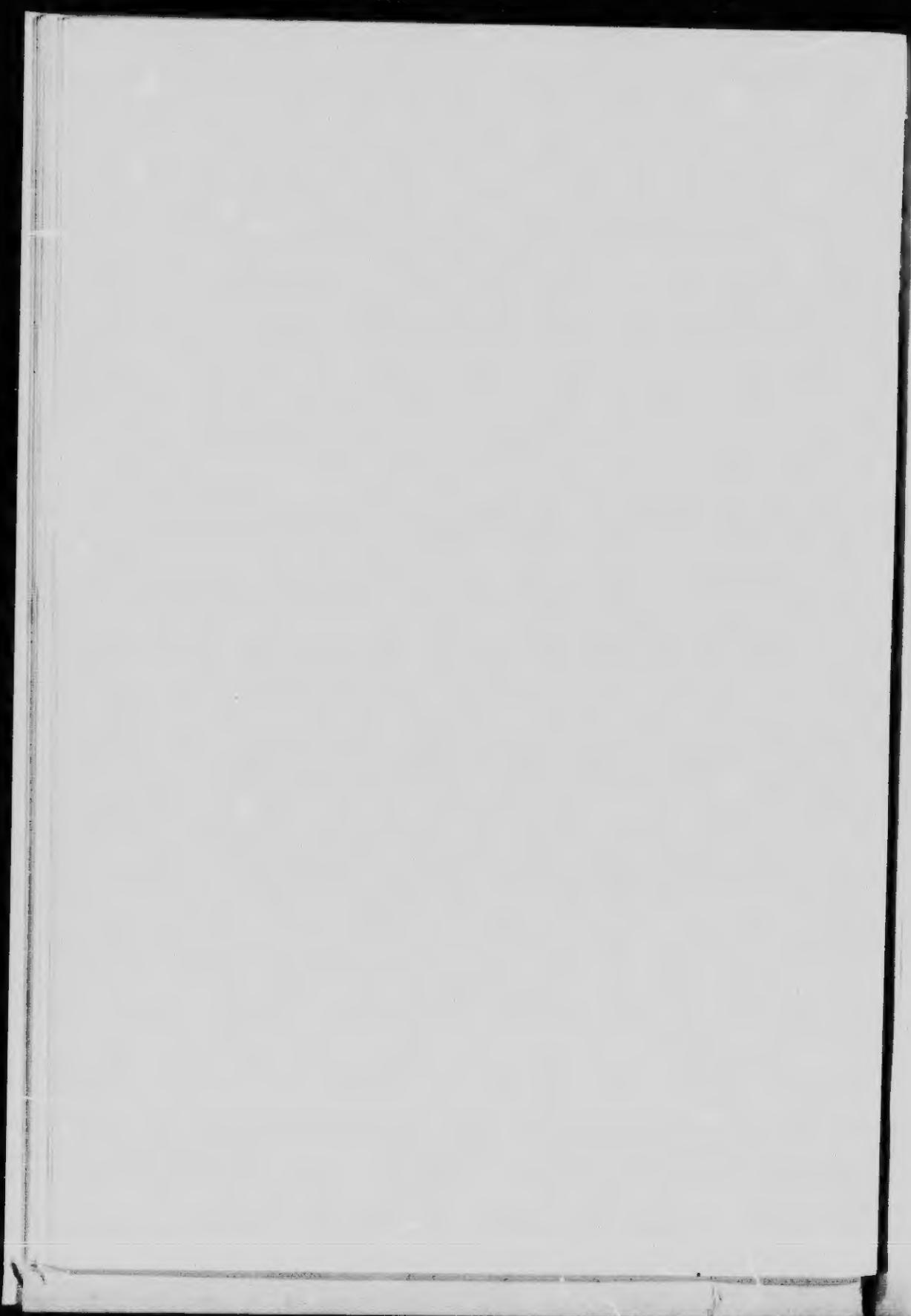
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